SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: The figure given by the hon. Minister seems to be very ticklish. If the total number of troops is 50332, I would like to know how many are members of paramilitary forces, how many non-technical persons of there, how many peope in all are there in connection with this operation. This is very important because these papers have been publishing reports that more than one lakh people are there unofficially.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants the break-up of combatants and non-combatants. If you have got the figure you can give it.

SHRI K. C. PANT: I would like to categorically state that there is absolutely no comparison between the situation in Vietnam and Sri Lanka.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why should you touch this point? I have disallowed this question.

SHRI K. C. PANT: If you have disallowed this, I will not make a reference to this, but I will say one thing. When he talks of the IPKF, the IPKF went there to Sri Lanka as messengers of peace, let me make it clear, and any attempt to malign them is most unfortunate and uncalled for.

I can also tell him that we are as sensitive about any simple incident that takes place in Sri Lanka. Those Tamils are as close to us as they are to you. Your do not hold a monopoly of the Tamil interest in Sri Lanka.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Why not?

SHRI K. C. PANT: Therefore, I am telling you....(*Interruptions*). When we received some complaints on some women being searched by male IPKF armymen, we sent women police from India.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Later.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Naturally, not before that.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: How many cases of rape have been reported?

SHRI K. C. PANT: The point I want to make is, I did not need Mr. Maran to make me sensitive to the interest of the Tamil ladies in Sri Lanka. I am myself more sensitive than he is and so is this Government.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: I am asking about the number.

SHRI K. C. PANT: I have given the number of armymen. (*Interruptions*). The figure of 50332 which I gave earlier, is inclusive of paramilitary forces and so on.

SHRI MURASOLI MARN: How many rapes have been committed?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I have raised my hand. I represent my party in Tamil Nadu. Others have been given the oppotunity, but not me. It is a very important question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have already spent 32 minutes on this quesion. Every question is important. Yes, Question No. 62.

रंगीन पोर्टेबल टेलीविजन का निर्माण

*62. **श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में अब तक रंगीन पोर्टेबल टेलीविजन सेटों का निर्माण शुरू नहीं हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार रंगीन पोर्टेबल टेलीविजन सेटों का निर्माण कब तक शुरू करने का विचार रखती है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और आपूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि स्वदेश में विनिर्मित रंगीन पिक्चर ट्यूबों के आधार पर 36 सें. मी. आकार

के सुवाह्य रंगीन दूरदर्शन सेटों के विनिर्माण की अनुमति दी जाए । यह आशा की जाती है कि वर्ष 1988 के अंत तक कुछ सुवाह्य रंगीन दूरदर्शन सेट उपलब्ध हो जाएंगे ।

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, it it evident that Government itself is rightly keen to develop colour portable TVs. Now comes the question of price which can be attractive even to the villagers in remote areas of India where power has not so far reached. What is the plan of the Government to supply less expensive picture tubes and other spares to **portable TV manufacturers to enable them** to sell the portable TVs at a reasonable price to distant villagers? At what price, does the Government think, these TVs will be available in the market?

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: The picture tubes are manufactured by some companies over here and the pricing of the picture tubes depends on the prices of inputs and so many other things. It would be rather difficult, at this stage, to say as to what will be the price, but the intention of the Government is to see that the prices of TV sets are such that they are acceptable to the people and a large number of small and big TV sets are available **in all parts of the country.**

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: My second supplementary is, whether this Government has any plan to bring the general price of all kinds of TV sets to **the international level so that the TV sets** can reach much larger population for their education and entertainment, which may finally lead to reduction in increase in population.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: So many steps have already been taken by Government to see that electronic goods are available in the market in large numbers and that should help in bringing down the prices of TV sets also. Many companies have been allowed to manufacture TV sets and components, broadbanding is allowed, exicse duties were reduced, technological cooperation is also allowed, so many such things have been done and it should help in bringing down the prices of these sets.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he has considered giving the manufacture of these sets and tubes to the cooperative sector in order to bring the prices down. I would **also like to know whether these portable sets, when manufactured, would also be** suitable for mobiles vans etc. or it is going to be strictly for home use and community use.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: No sector is disallowed. Every sector is allowed to manufacture TV sets. It depends on the cooperative sector. If they want to manufacture, we have no objection.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: My first objection is that there is no reply **to part (b) of the question. Kindly see** part (b) of the question: "if so, what are the reasons therefore?" And kindly see the reply to (b) and (c). So first I would like to know the reply to part (b) and then I would put my supplementary.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Sir, the reply is given already and if you want me to repeat again and put it indifferent words, I would like to say that there was a time when electronic goods were a sort of anathema in the country. The present Government, and especially the Prime Minister, encouraged the people and the **industry, the educational institutions and** many other areas of activities to adapt to the electronic goods so that the efficiency, productivity and usefulness increased. Steps were taken to see that first of all the assembly units were established. Once the assembly units were perfectly established, and stabilised then we were going to have component units and things like that. To see that **the industry stabilises and there is real** strength in the component-making and the assembly-making industries, we thought **that there should be standardisation, and** when there is standardisation, it becomes helpful. So at the initial stages we did not encourage small TVs coming into the market. But now when the industry manufacturing big TV sets have been stabilised, we are also allowing manufacture of small TV sets.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: And now my supplementary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A very clever man.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Which are the agencies which have been given permission to manufacture 36 cm colour TV sets?

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: M/s. GCT Electronics, M/s. Samtal, Uptron Colour Picture Tubes etc. have been given permission.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Sir, with the talent and potential we have got in this country in the scientific field, we should have been exporting TV sets by now. But the Minister's reply seems to be very discouraging. The demand is increasing by several million every year and day is not very far when India will perhaps be the largest TV sets having country in the world. The component manufacturing has reached 50 per cent to 60 per cent stage whereas it should have been 90 per cent by now. Will the Government consider a rapid development of facilities to the producers of different kinds of TV sets in the country so that it not only becomes self-reliant but also starts exporting TV sets, for which there is a large potential in the country?

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: I have explained while replying to the previous question the attitude adopted in our country with respect to the electronic equipment and goods. It took some time for us to make everybody realize that these goods are not really employment-killing but do have employment potential and, not only that but they increase efficiency also. Once that was accepted by all, the development of the electronic industry had started. This has to be realized. Now, from assembly we are going to components, from components we are likely to go to materials, and from materials we are likely to go to technology and science. That is the way we are trying to develop this industry. It should also be realized that TVs are coming from other countries, other equipment is coming to India from other countries, because India itself is a very big market. One of the greatest attractions of India is that India is a big market. So, first of all we shall have to see that we produce enough number of TVs which would be available to our people. Certainly we would also like to see that TVs are exported to other countries also. We started with two lakhs and now we are producing about five million black and white and colour TV sets and, I think, after some time it would be possible for us to export to other countries also.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 63.

*63. [*The questioner (Dr. Ratnakar Pandey) was absent. For answer vide cols. 31 infra*].

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 64. (*Interruptions***) ... what he said and what I said will not come on record.

Accord on science and technology with USSR

*64. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:†
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and the Soviet Union have recently signed a major accord on Science and Technology and have worked out 70 projects for laboratories in the two countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any cooperation was also envisaged in the field of nuclear defence research between the two countries; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Not recorded.

†The question was actually asked no the floor of the House by Shrimati Veena Verma.